DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: Original BILL NUMBER: AB 2929
POSITION: Oppose AUTHOR: L. Hancock

BILL SUMMARY: CDCR: Reentry Pilot

This bill would require the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to develop a comprehensive reentry program for parolees to assist in the successful reintegration of parolees into the community, which would include providing a copy of any parole plan to the sheriff of the county into which an inmate is released. This bill would also require the CDCR to prepare a report evaluating the usefulness of providing local law enforcement agencies with the parole plans.

FISCAL SUMMARY

According to the CDCR, this measure would result in the need for one staff and \$225,000 General Fund (GF) in 2008-09 and ongoing to distribute parole plans to the 58 county sheriffs and to contract with an independent consultant to report on the usefulness of providing local law enforcement agencies with parole plans. However, the Department of Finance (Finance) notes that the Governor's Budget includes \$602,000 GF and five positions to create collaborative partnerships between state and local government. We believe the CDCR could meet the mandates of this measure by utilizing these resources.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is opposed to this measure because it is unnecessary and duplicative of current efforts already underway within the CDCR. The CDCR is currently in the process of implementing Chapter 7, Statutes of 2007 (AB 900), which fundamentally shifts how the CDCR approaches rehabilitation for California's prisoners.

In an effort to implement AB 900, the Governor's Budget includes \$5 million for a comprehensive integrative case management demonstration project, which will showcase the pathway of rehabilitative programming for a group of inmates. A full continuum of assessment and rehabilitative programming will begin with an initial risk and needs assessment in the reception center at intake. A comprehensive assessment will be conducted at the general population level to determine needs-based programming, and intensive programming efforts will continue within prisons and reentry centers up to the time of release. Aftercare and follow-up will be provided by CDCR's partners in the community to maximize opportunities for successful reintegration once on parole. Lastly, we note that the Governor's Budget includes \$602,000 GF to establish an Adult Programs Local Government Liaison Office (Office) with the CDCR. The Office will develop and sustain collaborative partnerships between state and local government and will work with community-based organizations, and with the CDCR's Division of Community Partnerships, to ensure that efforts are maximized with respect to state programming needs and local involvement.

Since the purpose of the Office is to work collaboratively with local government and law enforcement to enhance and improve a parolee's chance of success at reintegrating into society, and the stated purpose of this measure is to assist in the successful reintegration of parolees into the community, Finance believes that this measure is duplicative of CDCR's current efforts.

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